

**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,

Provides for continued examination of a utility or plant

Application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: 09/890,585  
Filing Date: February 19, 2002  
First Named Inventor: Knodler et al.  
Group Art Unit: 2653  
Examiner Name: Aristotelis M. Psitos  
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**Note:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 153 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (August 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. XXXXX Previously submitted

i. XXXXX Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on September 24, 2004 (any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii.          Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed filed on                                 

iii.          Other                                 

b.          Enclosed

i.          Amendment/Reply

ii.          Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii.          Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449

iv. XXXXX Other Request for Extension of Time

2. **Miscellaneous**

a.          Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of                                  months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b.          Other                                 

3. **Fees** The RCE fee Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a.          The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. **01-0467**.

i. XXXXX RCE fee (\$790.00) required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. XXXXX Extension of Time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii.          Other                                 

b. XXXXX Check in the amount of \$ 1,340.00 enclosed.

c.          Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

October 26, 2004

Date of Signature

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